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SEVERAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT,

NOW IN FORCE,

To prevent the EXPORTATION of WOOL, SHEEP, &c.

**A**LL Persons concerned in Exporting of live Sheep or Lambs, on Conviction are liable to One Year's Imprisonment, and at the End thereof to have their left Hand cut off, and nailed up in the openest Part of the Market nearest the Place where the Offence is committed. And for the second Offence are adjudged Felons, and to suffer Death as in Cases of Felony. 8th Eliz. chap. 3.

WOOL, Woolfels, Sheep, Yarn, &c. not to be exported or laden upon any Horse, &c. or on board any Ship for that Purpose, upon Forfeiture thereof, and Twenty Shillings for every Sheep and Three Shillings for every Pound Weight of the other Articles. The Ship, &c. to be forfeited, and the Master and Mariners assisting, and all other Persons whatsoever, knowing thereof and consenting thereto, to forfeit all their Goods and Chattels and suffer three Months Imprisonment. 12th Charles II. chap. 32.— 13th and 14th Charles II. chap. 18.— 7th and 8th William III. chap. 28.— 9th and 10th William III. chap. 40.

ANY Wool, &c. shipped or found on the Shore, at or near the Sea or any navigable River, or packed or loaded on any Horse, &c. with intent to be exported, may be seized.

ALL Persons assisting in the Exportation of any Wool, &c. to suffer Three Years Imprisonment without Bail; the Ship and Goods to be forfeited and Treble the Value.

COMMANDERS of any Ship, Vessel, or Sloop, neglecting their Duty, compounding for or conniving at the Exportation of any Wool, &c. shall Forfeit all their Pay, suffer Six Months Imprisonment, and be rendered incapable of any Service in the Navy. 10th and 11th William III. chap. 10. sect. 28.

No Coverlids, Waddings, or other Manufactures of Wool slightly worked up, or put together so as the same may be reduced to and made use of as Wool again, or any Matresses, or Beds stuffed with combed Wool, or Wool fit for combing, to be exported under the like Penalties and Forfeitures as are inflicted for the Exportation of Wool. 12th George II. chap. 21. sect. 9.

ALL Persons convicted of the unlawful Exportation of Wool, and all Aiders or Abettors, not paying the Sum recovered within Three Months, may be Transported for Seven Years as for Felony. And all Persons Insuring or procuring Wool, &c. to be landed in foreign Parts, forfeit Five Hundred Pounds to the Use of the Informer, and the Insured is also made subject to the like Penalty. 4th George I. chap. 11. sect. 6. 12th Geo. II. chap. 21. sect. 27, 29, and 30.

INLAND



## INLAND REGULATIONS.

7th and 8th  
William III.  
chap. 28. sect.  
8.

**N**O Wool, &c. to be loaded on any Horse or Carriage whatsoever, or carried by Land within Five Miles of the Sea Coast but between Sun rising and Sun setting, upon Forfeiture of the said Wool, &c. and of the Horses and Carriages employed in carrying the same.

**T**HE Inhabitants of the Place, out of or through which any Wool, &c. shall be so carried or exported, shall forfeit Twenty Pounds, if the Wool, &c. so carried out or exported shall be under the Value of Ten Pounds. But if of greater Value, then Treble the Value thereof, with treble Costs of Suit.

9th and 10th  
William III.  
chap. 40. sect.  
3, 4, and 5.

**T**HE Owners of Wool, shorn or lodged within Ten Miles of the Sea Side in Kent and Sussex, must, within Three Days after the Shearing thereof, give an Account in Writing of the Number of Fleeces, and where lodged, to the Officer of the next Port.

**T**HE like Notice to be given before Removal, expressing the Number, Weight, Names of the Buyers, and Place to which it is intended to be carried, and a Certificate taken from the Officer who entered it, on Forfeiture thereof, and of Three Shillings per Pound weight, as if the same had been actually exported.

**P**ERSONS residing within Fifteen Miles of the Sea in Kent and Sussex, shall not buy Wool before they have entered into a Bond, with Sureties, that all the Wool they shall buy shall not be sold by them to any Person within Fifteen Miles of the Sea. Or if found carrying towards the Sea Side in Kent and Sussex, unless entered and Security given as aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited, and also Three Shillings for every Pound weight.

**N**O Wool removed from the Place where first lodged after shearing, within Ten Miles as aforesaid, shall be lodged after the first Removal, within Fifteen Miles of the Sea in those Counties, on Forfeiture thereof if found, or 3s. per Pound Weight by the Owners, if carried away.

**A**LL Wool laid up or hid within Fifteen Miles of the Sea, in Kent or Sussex, not entered as aforesaid, shall be seized and forfeited.

12th George II.  
chap. 21. sect.  
10.

**N**O Wool, &c. to be packed up in any Box, Barrel, Cask, Case, Chest or any other Package, but Packs or Trusses of Leather or Canvas, called Pack Cloth, and all such Packs shall be marked on the Out-side thereof, WOOL or YARN, in Letters not less than Three Inches in Length, on Forfeiture of such Wool, &c. with the Packages thereof, and 3s. for every Pound Weight to be paid by the Owner or Packer of such Wool or Yarn.

## COAST REGULATIONS.

1st William and  
Mary, chap.  
32.

**A**LL Wool designed to be carried to any Port or Place on the Sea Coast, in this Kingdom, with an Intention to be conveyed to any other Port or Place from whence the same may be shipped off, the Owner thereof shall in the first Place cause a due Entry to be made of the said Wool at the Port from whence the same is intended to be conveyed, containing the exact Weights, Marks and Numbers of the same, before he or they presume to load or carry away the said Wool, within Five Miles of any such Port, on Forfeiture thereof and the Horses, Carts, &c. conveying the same. But not to hinder the Removal from the Place of shearing to the Proprietor's Dwelling House, though within Five Miles of the Sea, provided he certifies to the Officers of the next Port the Number of Fleeces, and where lodged, and his Intention of Removal within a limited Time. And these Certificates are to be kept and registered by the Officers, and a Register of all Wool sent Coast-wise, with the particular Weights, Numbers, Ships, Master's Name, Owner's Name, and to whom consigned, to be kept at the Custom House, London.

**O**fficers not performing their Duty, to be deemed Aiders and Abettors in the Exportation, and suffer the Penalties inflicted by 12th Carolus, II. Chap. 32d and 14th. Carolus, II. Chap. 18.





## The Coast Restriction was further enforced by the Act of 12th Geo. II. Chap. 21. Sec. 11.

Wool, Woolfels, &c. are not to be laden on Board any Vessels bound to Parts beyond the Seas; nor laden in order to be carried Coast-wise from one Port of Great Britain or Ireland to another, unless Notice be first given to the Commissioners of Customs, or to the Customer, &c. of the Port, of the Quantity, Quality and Package, the Marks and Numbers, with the Name of the Ship and Master, also the Name of the Owner of such Goods, and the Place of his or her Abode, and the Port to which the same are intended to be carried and to whom consigned, and Bond entered into in Treble the Value of the Goods, that they shall be landed accordingly, and a Licence taken out under the Hands of Three of the Commissioners, or for the Customer or Collector and Comptroller of the Port where such Bond given for the landing and carrying thereof as aforesaid, on Forfeiture of the Ship and Goods put on Board, with all her Guns, Ammunition, Tackle, &c,

NOTICE to be transmitted by the Customer or Collector of the Shipping Port, to the Customer or Collector and Comptroller of the Port unto which such Wool is intended to be carried, and the Bond is not to be discharged but by a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Customer or Collector and Comptroller of the Port where landed, expressing the Quantity, Quality and Package, the Marks and Numbers, and Names of the Ship and Master, and the Bond to be sued for if not certified for in Six Months.

To prevent Collusive Landing, Wool, &c. not to be shipped or landed but in the Presence of the proper Officers, and at the lawful Quays, without Leave of the Commissioners or Officers, on Forfeiture of the Goods, or the Value thereof, and 3s. for every Pound Weight.

## Method of recovering Penalties, &c. under 12th Geo. II.

### GENERAL CLAUSE.

ALL Actions, Suits, and Informations for preventing the Exportation of Wool, &c. may be entered and prosecuted in any Court of Record at Westminster, or at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or before any two Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, in a summary Way; and if the Property is claimed by any Person, the Proof shall be upon him, and not upon the Officer.

12th George II.  
chap. 21. Sect.  
18.

To prevent collusive Seizures, or fraudulent Agreements, to evade the Penalties, none but Officers of the Customs and Excise, &c. shall enter Informations of Seizure of Wool, &c. which shall be prosecuted in their or the Attorney-General's Name; and if the Officer make any such collusive Seizure, or fraudulent Agreement, he shall forfeit 200l. and be disqualified for any Office in the Revenue; and the Owners making such Agreement with him, shall forfeit treble the Value to him who shall sue for the same, in any Court at Westminster.

BUT if any Accomplice shall in Three Months discover his Offence to the Commissioners of the Customs, so that one Accomplice be convicted, he shall be discharged of the Penalties, and shall have the whole Penalty, the Charges first deducted.

AND if any Person shall oppose or hinder the Officer, or their Assistants, in seizing any Wool, he shall be transported for Seven Years.

12th George II.  
chap. 21.

ON Condemnation of any Wool, the Commissioners of the Customs shall sell it to the best Bidder, and after deducting the Expences of Condemnation and Sale, shall pay the whole Remainder to such Person who shall seize, inform or sue for it.

BUT if any Officer shall receive Information from any Person, whereby any Seizure is made, &c. such Informer shall have Half of what is recovered.

AND if any Person convicted in the Penalty of 3s. per Pound, be not able to pay, the Commissioners may cause 1s. per Pound, to be paid to the Informer or Prosecutor by the Receiver of the Revenue.

AND



12th George II. chap. 21. AND for the Prosecutors further Encouragement, If on an Information for Seizure of Wool, a Verdict is found for the Claimant, yet if the Judge certify on the Record, that there was probable Cause of Seizure, the Claimers shall have no Costs.

12th George II. chap. 32. MASTERS and Owners of Ships knowing the Offence, shall forfeit all their Interest in the Ship, &c. and the Master and Mariners knowing and being Assistant thereto, shall forfeit all their Goods and Chattles, and be imprisoned Three Months.

12th George II. chap. 21. BUT if any Master, Mate, or Mariner, shall in Six Months give an Account to the Commissioners of the Customs, of such Ship, Goods and Offenders, so as that any Person may be convicted, he shall be indemnified, and shall have moreover Three-fourths of the Penalties, recovered clear of Charge, &c.

12th George II. AND any Merchant, or other Person offending herein, shall be disabled to require any Debt or Account belonging to him, from any Factor or other Person.

THE Commissioners of the Customs after Condemnation shall sell the Goods, Ship, &c. to the best Bidder, and after paying the Expences of Condemnation and Sale, shall pay the whole Sum remaining to such Person who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same.

IF any Person offer a Bribe to any Officer for Connivance, he shall forfeit 300l. to him that shall sue for the same.

THE Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, are allowed to import from Southampton only 6600 Tods of Wool of 32 Pounds each, annually, under the Licence and Requisition of the Governor to the principal Officers of the Customs there; but are obliged first to enter into sufficient Bonds to his Majesty for landing them in those Islands; but if any Wool is exported from the said Islands, the Person or Persons concerned in it, shall forfeit the Wool and 20l. for every Tod, on Conviction, &c



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